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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR UNDER SECRETARY BENNETT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON) GW

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON

1. CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT SCHMIDT WILL IN FACT BE IN HAMBURG ON JULY 22 AND EXPECTS TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SIMON IN THE CHANCELLOR'S PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN HAMBURG AT FOUR P.M. ON THAT DAY. FINANCE MINISTER APEL ALSO WILL BE ATTENDING THAT MEETING.

2. FINANCE MINISTER APEL WOULD LIKE TO MEET SECRETARY SIMON AT AIRPORT AND WE HAVE INFORMED HIM OF 1330 SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME IN HAMBURG ON JULY 22. FINANCE MINISTRY ALSO TELLS US THAT APEL HAS BEEN IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH SECRETARY SIMON AND THAT IT IS THEIR IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTURE FROM HAMBURG MAY BE SOMEWHAT EARLIER ON JULY 23 THAN THE 1600 HOURS DEPARTURE TIME LISTED IN STATE 147582. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. FINANCE MINISTER APEL ALSO HAS ASKED US TO EXTEND TO SECRETARY SIMON INVITATION TO STAY AT THE
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GUEST HOUSE OF THE CITY OF HAMBURG DURING HIS VISIT,

IF THE SECRETARY SO DESIRES. WE ARE PRESENTLY TRYING TO ASCERTAIN FOR HOW MANY PEOPLE IN SECRETARY'S PARTY THERE WOULD BE ROOM IN GUEST HOUSE, BUT ALSO ARE HOLDING THE RESERVATIONS AT THE VIER JAHRES ZEITEN IN CASE THE SECRETARY SHOULD FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE THE WHOLE PARTY STAY IN ONE PLACE.

4. THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS CHECKING FURTHER WITH APEL WHETHER THE DINNER HE WILL BE GIVING FOR SECRETARY SIMON AND UNDER SECRETARY BENNETT ON THE EVENING OF JULY 22 IS INTENDED TO BE A WORKING DINNER OR WHETHER APEL DESIRES ALSO TO INVITE MRS. SIMON AND MRS. BENNETT. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS FINANCE MINISTRY STAFF HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK WITH APEL.
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